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SUBJECT: JAPAN CONSIDERING RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RAPE, WARY  
OF ENTANGLING COMFORT WOMEN

REF: STATE 135255

Classified By: Charge d'Affairs Joseph R. Donovan for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer delivered reftel demarche October 1 and followed up October 5 with MOFA Human Rights Division Principal Deputy Director Takako Ito. Ito said that Japan was still deciding whether to support the resolution, and would channel any further determination through its mission in New York by October 9. Ito asked about the timing of the resolution's introduction, saying that it had raised concerns among some MOFA officials that the resolution could be used by the U.S. Congress to further criticize Japan's use of "Comfort Women" (forced prostitution) during World War II.  
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